

*Proposed Memorial to the Brehms and Schlegel.*—Dr. Koepert, of Altenburg, informs us that it is proposed to erect in that city a memorial of Christian L. Brehm, Alfred Brehm, and H. Schlegel, three well-known Ornithologists, who were all natives of Saxe-Altenburg. In case any members of the B. O. U. or other friends should wish to assist in this laudable undertaking, we shall be much pleased to forward their contributions.

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*Obituary.*—JOHN PETER VAN WICKEVOORT-CROMMELIN, the distinguished Ornithologist of Holland, who died suddenly at Haarlem on the 19th October, 1891, was born in the same city on the 9th January, 1830. In his youth he studied law, and took his degree in that faculty at Leyden in 1852, after which he devoted himself to zoological studies for another year under Temminck at the same University. For many years Heer van Wickevoort-Crommelin was director of the Society of Sciences at Haarlem. He was always very short-sighted, and his eyes grew gradually worse, so that not many years after his marriage, which took place in 1854, he became totally blind. Notwithstanding this great misfortune, he continued to augment and perfect the beautiful collection of native birds which he had previously commenced. In this he was materially assisted by a wonderful memory and by a very accurate knowledge of avian structure. His memory was so good that, in his collection of many hundreds of stuffed birds, he could always find any individual specimen, and could moreover, if required, give full particulars about its external appearance and the date and place of its capture.

The results of Heer van Wickevoort-Crommelin's studies on the birds of Holland were chiefly published in the 'Archives Néerlandaises' and in the 'Tijdschrift voor de Dierkunde.' His unrivalled collection of the birds of Holland has been bequeathed to the Leyden Museum.